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DEVICES AND METHODS**

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Examiner: David J. Isabella  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Customer No. **66854**

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir :

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.116, for which no claims fee is due.

► Request is hereby made for a one-month extension of time to file these documents, up to and including **December 23, 2006**.

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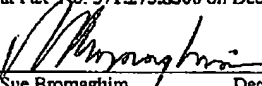
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2006, for which a response is due November 23, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this paper.

The **Claim Listing** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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